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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 16 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 18th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Laisenia Qarase, Prime Minister and Minister for National Reconciliation and Unity of the Republic of Fiji

Czech Republic

San Marino

Turkey

Hungary

Slovenia

Oman

Suriname

3 p.m. 19th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Luxembourg

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Albania

(continued overleaf)

Brunei Darussalam

Angola

El Salvador

Gabon

Cape Verde

Democratic Republic of the Congo

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Southern African Development Community *today*, 16 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Monday, 18 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	20h plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Belize

Ethiopia

Russian Federation

Israel

Pakistan

Ghana

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Australia

3 p.m.	21st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Bahrain

Ukraine

Armenia

Tunisia

Madagascar

Malawi

Sri Lanka

Uruguay

Swaziland

Chad

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

World Food Programme

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2000

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the session : statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director [1]

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work [2] (E/ICEF/2000/14)

3. Proposals for UNICEF country proposals [3] (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.27)

   (a) Country programme recommendations (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.1/Add.1-P/L.17, P/L.28-P/L.45)

   (b) Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes (E/ICEF/2000/P/L.46)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Copies of draft resolution on a Agenda Item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation) will be available for distribution, on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session will take place on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5. A copy of the tentative programme of work of the Sixth Committee will be available in the conference room for interested delegations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal (informal) consultations

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) will hold informal (informal) consultations on Monday, 18 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to discuss options for placing the United Nations Forum on Forests within the United Nations system intergovernmental machinery.

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FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(12 to 16, 18 to 22 September 2000)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A).

Live Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly is available on the General Assembly Web site on the Internet at: http://www.un.org/ga/55.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to DPI@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Announcements

Cellular telephones

Delegations are kindly requested to turn their cellular telephones rings off while attending meetings in order to maintain the orderly conduct of the proceedings of those meetings.

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Monday, 18 September 2000

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERT GROUP ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The first meeting of Senior officals of the Economic Co-operation Organization will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

First Annual Ministerial Meeting

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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The Tenth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 18 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Meeting will be presided by H.E. Mr. Abdus Samad Azad, Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. The meeting will be addressed by the Secretary-General, Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of UNDP, Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD and senior institutional representatives of the IMF and World Bank in addition to the Ministers and Permanent Representatives from Least Developed Countries.

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ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

Annual Coordinating Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the OIC

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

SPECIAL BRIEFING ON THE WORK OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 September 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	22nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	23rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on disarmament and international security and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170K; tel.: (212) 963-0049), as soon possible.

Delegations are reminded that names of representatives and of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Kuo-Chung Lin, Secretary of the First Committee (telefax: (212) 963-5305).

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

In accordance with its approved programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.4/55/L.1, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will begin its substantive work on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on decolonization and related agenda items are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.2/55/L.1*. The list of speakers for items allocated to the Second Committee (A/C.2/55/1)* will be opened for inscription on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, at 3 p.m.

* To be issued.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 18 September 2000, for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/55/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 25 September 2000, at 10 a.m., with agenda items 103 (Social development) and 104 (International Year of Older Persons). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: 212-963-4248; telefax: 212-963-5935).

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

The Fifth Committee will hold its 2nd meeting on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider the following issues: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur; (b) Status of documentation (A/C.5/55/ L.1) and organization of work (A/C.5/55/L.2*); (c) 17 (b) (Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Committee on Contributions (A/55/102/Add.1 and A/C.5/55/5)); (d) Item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations): Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2); and (e) Item 117 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001): Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/54/L.88/Rev.1 (A/C.5/54/65 and A/55/376*).

* To be issued.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a): Oceans and the law of the sea

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Consideration of elements relating to oceans and seas, including improvement of coordination and cooperation), will be held on Wednesday 20, and Thursday, 21 September 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed 2000 session of the Committee on Non-governmental Organizations will be held on Wednesday, 27 September 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to resume consideration of item 7 (Consideration of special reports) (Transnational Radical Party).

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United Nations Development Programme

There will be an informal (closed) Inter-Agency Consultative meeting (IACM) on Wednesday, 20 September 2000, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Third regular session 2000

The third regular session 2000 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from 25 to 29 September 2000 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/2000/L.4. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing the following briefing for delegates from the permanent missions and capitals attending a session of the General Assembly for the first time:

Special briefing on electronic services at the United Nations: Tuesday, 19 September, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 September 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 2nd meeting

The Chairman of the Committee, H.E. M. U Mya Than (Myanmar), made a statement.

Election of the Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur

The Committee elected M. Alberto Guani (Uruguay) and Ms. Petra Schneebauer (Austria) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

The Committee decided to postpone the election of other officers to a later date.

Organization of work

The Committee adopted its programme of work and timetable contained in document A/C.1/55/CRP.1.

The Secretary of the First Committee made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Twentieth Meeting 26th meeting

Opening of the Meeting [1]

The Meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, Director, New York Office, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairman [2]

The representative of Uganda made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Roland Marxer (Liechtenstein) was elected as Chairman of the Meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CCPR/SP/57) as its agenda.

Election of other officers of the Meeting [4]

The Meeting unanimously elected Ms. Amina Mesdoua (Algeria) as Vice-Chairperson.

Election in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2000 [5]

The following candidates were elected after the first ballot as members of the Human Rights Committee to serve from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2004: Mr. Nigel Rodley (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Mr. Maxwell Yalden (Canada), Mr. Ahmed Tawfik Khalil (Egypt), Mr. Martin Scheinin (Finland), Mr. Rafael Rivas Posada (Colombia), Mr. Ivan Shearer (Australia), Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Mauritius), Mr. Patrick Vella (Malta) and Mr. Maurice Glele Ahanhanzo (Benin).

Other matters [6]

No statements were made under this item.

The Twentieth Meeting of the States Parties was declared closed.

Friday, 15 September 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4197th meeting

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Report of the Secretary-General on Ethiopia and Eritrea (S/2000/785)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2000/867, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2000/867) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2000/867) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1320 (2000).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

16th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Sir John Kaputin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Jaime Gama, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Portugal; H.E. Mr. Halldór Asgrimsson, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland; H.E. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates; and H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba.

Address by H.E. Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Republic

H.E. Mr. Abdikassim Salad Hassan, President of the Somali Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Phil Goff, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of New Zealand; H.E. Mr. Charles Providence Gomis, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Côte d'Ivoire; and H.E. Mr. Kamal Kharrazi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

17th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Danny Philip, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mr. Ralph Ochan, Chairman of the Delegation of Uganda; H.E. The Honourable George Odlum, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Saint Lucia; H.E. The Honourable Bonaya Adhi Godana, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Kenya; H.E. Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of Austria; H.E. Mr. Ural Latypov, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belarus; H.E. Mr. Juan Esteban Aguirre Martinez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Paraguay; H.E. Mr. Li Hyong Chol, Chairman of the Delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and H.E. Mr. Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

2nd meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

Election of officers

The Committee elected by acclamation Ms. Sarah Paterson (New Zealand) as Vice-Chairperson.

The Committee postponed to a future meeting the election of two Vice-Chairpersons and a Rapporteur.

Organization of work

The Chairperson drew the Committee's attention to the relevant recommendations contained in document A/55/250, as well as the proposed organization of work (document A/C.3/55/L.1) and the status of documentation before the Committee (document A/C.3/55/L.1/Add.1).

The meeting was suspended in order to allow the Committee to consider its programme of work.

Following resumption of the meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee then approved its programme of work for the session, as contained in document A/C.3/55/L.1.

The Committee agreed to set the following time limits for statements in the general discussion: 7 minutes for statements by individual delegations and 15 minutes for spokespersons of groups of delegations. It was also agreed that this time limit would apply to the Secretariat.

The Committee's attention was drawn to the provisions of General Assembly decision 34/401 regarding interventions in exercise of the right of reply and points of order.

Delegations were informed that the list of speakers for all items would open on Monday, 18 September and that they should inscribe at the earliest possible date with the Secretary of the Committee.

The Committee decided to extend invitations to a number of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives to present their reports to the Committee at the present session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special screening

There will be a special screening of the CNN documentary "Soldiers of Peace", organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, on Tuesday, 19 September 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Brief addresses will be made by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly, Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mrs. Nohora Puyana de Pastrana, First Lady of Colombia, and Ms. Kathy Eldon, producer of the documentary. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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